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1. Since the summer of 1945, the Soviets, assisted by German specialists

have been concentrating on their polar regions. To guarantee smooth and concentrated work in this field, the Soviets organized a division for polar regions in the field of military research (militärische Forschungsarbeit), which has been combined with Glavsevmorput (Chief Administration of Northern Sea Routes). The scope of this new division, which functions under the designation "SMP 10/130", includes:

- Scientific research (Wissenschaftliche Forschung)
- Industrial utilization (Industrielle Nutzbarmachung)
- Development of military potentialities (Verwendungsmöglichkeit)
- Technical transport development (Verkehrstechnische Ausbaurung)

2. At the present time, one of the principle tasks of SMP 10/130 is a project to "broaden threefold" \*\* the route from Arkhangelsk, running south of the island of Novaya Zemlya, through the Kara Sea, then south of the Severnaya Zemlya island group, on through the Novo Sibirskiye island group and the Bering Strait to Vladivostok. This work is being controlled by a special group of the Soviet Air Force.

3. Glavsevmorput has received the following assignment from the civilian sector:

- Cultivation (zuchten) of certain kinds of grains which are frost-resistant (frosthreies) and can be grown in the polar regions.

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- b. Speedy and efficient exploration of this area for oil, coal, and nickel.

It is alleged that over two million persons are to be used for this entire project.

4. Up to the present time, the Soviets have erected 27 large, definitely known radio stations which are reported to be scattered throughout the Arctic region in the following places.\*\*\*

- a. On the Kola peninsula, 20 km NE of Varsuga (66°23'N, 36°57'E) at Lake Enge.
- b. Fifty km SW of Mezen and 150 km from Arkhangelsk.
- c. On the southern tip of the island of Novaya Zemlya close to the Kara Strait.
- d. On the island of Novaya Zemlya at 60°E, about 15 km from the sea, looking toward Spitzbergen.
- e. On the Samoyed peninsula, 40 km W of 70°E and about 30 km N of 70°N. \*\*\*\*
- f. On the Taimyr Peninsula close to the Arctic coast, about 100 km W of 90°E and about 500 km N of 70°N. \*\*\*\*\*
- g. On the Taimyr Peninsula, 10 km W of 110°E and about 15 km from the Arctic coast. \*\*\*\*\*
- h. In the Severnaya Zemlya island group, 60 km W of 100°E and 50 km S of 80°N.
- i. About 30 km E of the mouth of the Khatanga River on the Arctic Ocean.
- j. About 25 km W of the mouth of the Olenek River (near 120°E) on the Arctic Ocean.
- k. About 10 km E of the city of Bulun (70°43'N, 127°15'E) on the Lena River.
- l. About 5 km E of the mouth of the Yana River (between 135° and 137°E) on the Arctic Ocean.
- m. On Novo Sibirakiye Island (sic), about 40 km W of 140°E and about 60 km from the south coast of the island. \*\*\*\*\*
- n. On the easternmost island of the Novo Sibirakiye group, about 20 km from the east coast, directly on 150°E. \*\*\*\*\*
- o. About 130 km S of the mouth of the Indigirka River on the Arctic Ocean and about 10 to 15 km E of the river.
- p. About 120 km E of 140°E on the eastern bank of the Indigirka River and about 450 km N of 60°N.
- q. About 70 km E of Okhotsk, on the Sea of Okhotsk.
- r. About 100 km SSW of Ayan, also on the Sea of Okhotsk.
- s. About 5 km W of the Aldan River on 60°N.
- t. About 50 km N of Nizhne Kolymak (68°32'N, 161°E).
- u. About 70 km SW of 150°E on the west side of the Kolyma River (sic).

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- v. About 180 km W of 180°E and about 120 km S of 70°N.
- w. About 200 km E of 180°E and about 80 km from the Arctic Ocean.
- x. About 50 km W of 180°E and 50 km from the Bering Sea coast.
- y. In the extreme corner of the peninsula before the Bering Strait, about 400 to 450 km E of 180°E and about 500 km S of 70°N.
- z. About 20 km E of the mouth of the Anadyr River, directly on the coast.
- aa. On the Kamchatka Peninsula, about 100 km N of Petropavlovsk, and about 100 km W of 160°E.

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Comments:

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\*\*It is not certain what [ ] the term "broaden threefold". The original German "der Verbreiterung auf das dreifache der Durchfahrtsstrasse" is as equivocal as the English.

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Comments:

\*SMP is probably the Russian abbreviation for Northern Sea Routes. Since Glavsevmorput is the chief administration, it is likely that the preceding sentence should read, "....a division for military research in the polar regions which is subordinate to Glavsevmorput."

\*\*\*\*This would be near Lake Nei-To on the Yamal Peninsula.

\*\*\*\*\*This would be in the Pyasinaki Bay area.

\*\*\*\*\*Probably on the northern coast of the peninsula, since a point near 110°E on the southeastern coast would be illogically close to the station defined in subparagraph "i".

\*\*\*\*\*On the basis of the longitude given, this probably should read, "On Koteln Island in the Novo Sibirskiye Islands...."

\*\*\*\*\*On the basis of the longitude given, Novaya Sibir Island is meant. This is the easternmost of the large islands but not the farthest east of the whole group.

Several of the places mentioned in this report have been reported before as the sites of Arctic research stations, airfields operated by Glavsevmorput, sea traffic stations, etc. [ ]

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